

Conservation

Get Outdoors!

Grab a smartphone and head outside to search for creepy crawlies! Insects and spiders are emerging as the weather warms. Zoom in and take pictures of creatures you come across. If you don't know what's in your photo, send it to iNaturalist.org and ask someone who can tell you!

for Kids!

Word Search: Insects and Spiders

Hunting Tip

It's time to practice with your box call or mouth call, because springtime brings turkey hunting season! This year's youth turkey season is April 9-10. Youths 17 and younger may harvest one bearded turkey, and must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. An unfilled youth license will be valid for regular spring turkey season April 16 to May 16 statewide. And don't forget to help our biologists by using E-Check online to report any harvested turkey.

Fishing Tip

Ever heard the old saying "white bass run when the redbuds bloom"? There can be a lot of truth to that. But other factors play roles to urge Oklahoma's state fish to begin swimming up creeks and streams to their spawning grounds. Usually from mid-March into April is when you might cast from a stream bank and enjoy some furious fishing action for "sandies." Tip: Wait until the river or stream is flowing after a springtime storm and you might have better success.

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Find and circle these names of insects and spiders found in Oklahoma:

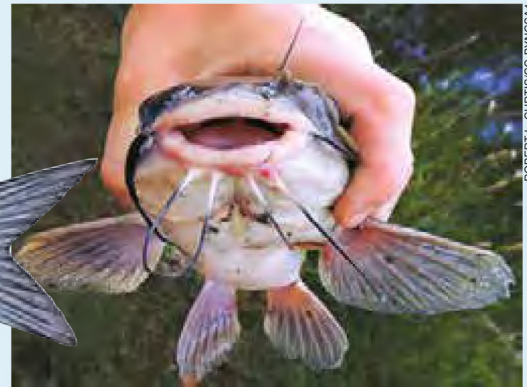
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Mosquito

Caterpillar
Grasshopper
June Beetle
Paper Wasp

Cicada
Harvester Ant
Mayfly
Tarantula

Some COOL FACTS about the Channel Catfish:

- They are common in streams, ponds and lakes across Oklahoma.
- ODWC fish hatcheries at Medicine Park, Byron, Durant and Holdenville raise them for stocking into waters statewide.
- ODWC stocks about a half-million channel catfish statewide every year.
- They have a forked tail and the anal fin is curved across its bottom.
- The state record was caught in September 2005 from Taft Lake. It weighed 35 pounds 15 ounces and was 39 inches long.
- They are omnivorous, feeding on a wide variety of organic matter, dead and alive. Some of the more common foods are fish, mussels, snails, insects and crayfish.
- Often thought of as “bottom feeders,” they actually feed at any level.
- An angler’s daily limit for channel and blue catfish is 15 in any combination.



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Color a Critter: Channel Catfish

